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Docket No.: 3927-4133US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hearing, et al. Group Art Unit: 1633
Serial No. : 09/530,935 Examiner: C. Drabik
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For : SELECTIVE REGULATION OF ADENOVIRUS PRODUCTION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on July 23, 2001, applicants present the following amendments and remarks. In addition, Applicants provide a Petition and Fee for a two-month extension of time thereby extending the period for response up to December 23, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing deletions and insertions is provided in the appendix to this paper.

- Sub 13/3
1. A method of regulating adenovirus packaging comprising the steps of:
 - a. obtaining an adenovirus vector containing an adenovirus packaging repressor binding site, said binding site being located between, within or surrounding an adenovirus packaging sequence; and
 - b. propagating said vector in the absence of said packaging repressor; and
 - c. repressing packaging of said vector in the presence of said packaging repressor.